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FRANKFORT, KY – Today, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission voted to extend the April 15, 2020 deadline to file Statements of Financial Disclosure until June 15, 2020.

On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear, issued Executive Order 2020-215, calling a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. On March 18, 2020, Governor Beshear issued guidelines restricting state employee work schedules and encouraging telecommuting. The COVID-19 outbreak has involved the upper management of each agency to spend considerable time focusing on managing this extraordinary situation. With the looming deadline of April 15, 2020, for the filing of Statements of Financial Disclosure, the Commission determined to address this requirement of the approximately 1400 officers in the Executive Branch.

In response to the concerns raised by the COVID-19 virus, and pursuant to its authority under KRS 11A.990(2), the Executive Branch Ethics Commission voted to extend the deadline for all officers to file the annual 2019 Statement of Financial Disclosure from April 15, 2020, until June 15, 2020. In accord with KRS 11A.990(2), "the commission may grant a reasonable extension of time for filing a statement of financial disclosure for good cause shown." The Commission determined to extend this deadline to ensure that those in major management positions are able to devote their time to ensuring the Commonwealth meets the needs of its citizens and the employees of the Executive Branch while also having ample time to file the necessary form.